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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE HELLER, OUR READING OF THE CASE, ESPECIALLY THE GREENBERG-MATLOCK MEMO, INDICATES THAT WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT HELLER ACTUALLY VIOLATED POUCH REGULATIONS. ON THIS END, WE ALSO DON'T KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE SAID TO THE JEWISH GROUPS. SHOSTAL CONSIDERS THE PROJECT A REASONABLE ONE AND HELLER THE ONLY PERSON IN EPA QUALIFIED TO UNDERTAKE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SOVIETS ON THE TOPIC. UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE HAVEN'T A LEG TO STAND ON IN OPPOSING HIS TRIP. WE WILL BRIEF HELLER THOROUGHLY AND ENSURE THAT HE UNDERSTANDS GUIDELINES AND THAT HE UNDERTAKES TO ABIDE BY THEM.

2. BILL LUERS RECENTLY BRIEFED THE GUIDES FOR THE AGRICULTURE USA EXHIBIT AND WAS DISCONCERTED TO FIND A VERY CONFIDENTIAL

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SHALLOW OR NON-EXISTENT UNDERSTANDING OF FOREIGN POLICY AND U.S.-SOVIET POLITICAL ISSUES. THEIR PROGRAM WAS APPARENTLY SO HEAVILY STRUCTURED TO PROVIDE AGRICULTURAL EXPERTISE, THE OTHER ASPECTS FELL LARGELY BY THE WAYSIDE. WE HAVE POUCHED A SET OF "GISTS" AND RECENT FOREIGN POLICY STATEMENTS TO P&C//EXHIBITS. PLEASE DO WHAT YOU CAN TO ASSURE THIS MATERIAL IS GIVEN ATTENTION AND, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE,

ARRANGE FOR THE GUIDES TO BE BRIEFED ON CURRENT ISSUES BY EMBASSY OFFICERS BEFORE OPENING DAY. WE INTEND TO SEE THAT SUCCEEDING GROUPS ARE BETTER PREPARED BY ICA HERE AND WILL APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS BASED ON EXPERIENCE WITH THIS GROUP AS IT GOES INTO THE FRONT LINES.

3. REF: MOSCOW 6561. THE PROMOTIONAL FOLDERS FOR DOCUMENTARY FILM "THE UNKNOWN WAR" WHICH YOU RECEIVED WERE INTENDED FOR BABENKOV AT THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE. DUPLICATES HAVE ALREADY BEEN SENT TO HIM. YOU MAY DISPOSE OF MATERIALS AS YOU SEE FIT.

4. RE MOSCOW 6365 COMMENT ON THE PROPOSED SULLIVAN VISIT TO MINRAIL: OUR EARLIER MESSAGE, STATE 079886, WHICH GAVE THE BACKGROUND OF DOT INTERNAL DIFFERENCES WAS INTENDED TO HELP YOU ASSESS HOW THE PROPOSAL MIGHT BE PRESENTED TO THE SOVIETS AND GIVE A FLAVOR OF UNSPOKEN CONCERNS HERE. OFFICIALLY DOT HAS ONLY ASKED THAT WE FORWARD THROUGH YOU THE REQUESTS IN STATE 80149. AT THIS POINT THE BULLET HAS TO BE BITTEN, SINCE ARRANGEMENTS IN PRAGUE HAVE BEEN REQUESTED ON THE MAY SCHEDULE PROPOSED BY SULLIVAN IN STATE 80149. THE BERGLAND VISIT IS OF COURSE A FACTOR, BUT IN PRINCIPLE AT LEAST, SULLIVAN SHOULD NOT REQUIRE MAJOR EMBASSY ASSISTANCE--ESPECIALLY IF SOVIETS HOST. IF YOU DO FEEL IT WOULD STRAIN, HOWEVER, THEN BY ALL MEANS SAY SO. A
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PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE WOULD NOT CAUSE GREAT HEARTBURN HERE. AS FOR POSSIBLE OVERLOADING OF MINRAIL'S CIRCUITS, IT WOULD BE MORE PERSUASIVE HERE IF THE SOVIETS WOULD GIVE THE WORD THAT THIS IS THE CASE.

5. WE HOPE YOU HAVE RECEIVED NOAA'S WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT EVALUATION SIGNED BY DICK FRANK MARCH 21, WITH ITS SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS. WE ARE COMING UNDER PRESSURE TO ACCELERATE INTERAGENCY RECOMMENDATIONS AND WOULD WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS IN A REGULAR MESSAGE. WE ARE DRAWING ON MOSCOW 2673, BUT THE STADIS CAPTION INHIBITS ITS USE. DOD/NAVY CONTINUES TO PRESS ITS NEGATIVE CASE, BUT STILL IN GENERAL TERMS AS REFLECTED IN THE FRANK MEMO, WITH FEW SPECIFICS. WE ARE INCLINED TO A RECOMMENDATION FOR RENEWAL, LIMITED TO ONE OR TWO YEARS TO ASSESS PROGRESS ON PERFORMANCE AND KEEP UP LOS PRESSURES. AS YOU KNOW FROM THE EXCHANGE ON METALNIKOV'S TRAVEL, THE WESTWING HOLD ON THE JCM STILL OBTAINS.

6. WE HAVE POUCHED TO YOU AND LENINGRAD A COPY OF OTTAWA A-8, FEBRUARY 22, 1977, A WRAP-UP REPORT ON THE '76 OLYMPICS. WE APPARENTLY DIDN'T RECEIVE IT AT THE TIME AND ONLY CAME BY IT THROUGH ASKING OTTAWA IN THE COURSE OF

BUILDING A BACKGROUND FILE HERE. THOUGHT IF YOU DIDN'T

HAVE IT, YOU WOULD FIND IT OF INTEREST. IN CONNECTION WITH THE OLYMPICS, JON GUNDERSON, WHO ENTERS STANFORD FOR UNIVERSITY TRAINING THIS FALL AND WILL REPLACE KUSHLIS AS PPO IN SUMMER 1979 IS IN TOUCH INFORMALLY WITH U.S. OLYMPICS PLANNING PEOPLE ON THE COAST AND WILL BE DEVELOPING THIS RELATIONSHIP WHILE AT STANFORD.

7. COMMERCE TELLS US THAT THE REPLACEMENT FOR G. WILLIAM MILLER AS US CO-CHAIRMAN OF THE TEC WILL BE C. WILLIAM VERITY, CHAIRMAN OF ARMCO. WHEN SUSHKOV WAS HERE HE APPARENTLY GAVE TENTATIVE SOVIET APPROVAL TO VERITY. HAROLD SCOTT, OF THE TEC
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IS EXPECTED TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS TO NAIL DOWN VERITY'S SELECTION. AMONG OTHER NAMES WHICH REPORTEDLY WOULD HAVE BEEN AGREEABLE TO THE SOVIETS WERE: DAVID SCOTT OF ALLIS CHALMERS AND DAVID ROCKEFELLER. YOU ARE WELL AWARE OF ARMCO'S RECENT GO-AROUND WITH THE SOVIETS OVER THE LATTER'S NEGOTIATING PRACTICES. VANCE

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